

# The Northfield Press

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## SELECTMEN FILL TOWN OFFICES; PARKER CHIEF FIRE DEPARTMENT; ALL SERVE DURING PRESENT YEAR

The board of selectmen, consisting of Fred A. Holton, Myron Dunnell and Hermon Fisher, who were re-elected to serve during the present year have organized with Mr. Holton as chairman and in charge of health, Mr. Dunnell has the streets, and Mr. Fisher the welfare under his jurisdiction.

Appointments made to carry on the community work, as filed with the town clerk, consist of Fred H. Doolittle, accountant; forest fire warden, Charles L. Johnson; deputy forest fire warden, Carlton Holton, Otis S. Fisher, Edward C. Bolton, Clifford I. Bolton, Charles L. Gilbert, George Barlow, Hermon Fisher, Merritt Sibley; public weighers, George O. Dunnell, F. Myron Dunnell, Frank V. Wood, Clarence H. Spaulding, Edward Lucie; inspectors, meat, provisions and slaughtering, Jones J. Fisher, Horace W. Bolton; fence viewers, Fred I. Bolton, C. A. Parker, Lawrence S. Quinlan; surveyors, wood and timber, Jones J. Fisher, E. M. Morgan, John Callaghan; field drivers, George Lombard, Francis B. Reed, Vernon R. Beatty.

Sealer of weights and measures, Dean W. Williams; pound keeper, Charles B. Stevens; chief of fire department, Willis K. Parker. Appointments of cattle inspector, gypsy moth agent, superintendent of roads and committee on construction and repairs at the high school have not yet been made.

### Harlan Page Waite

The body of Harlan Page Waite, a resident of this town for many years, and who died at Southern Pines, North Carolina, on Monday, Feb. 20, was brought to Northfield last Saturday. The funeral service was held at the Congregational church Sunday afternoon at three o'clock with Rev. W. Stanley Carne officiating. Prof. I. J. Lawrence sang "In the Land of Fadeless Day." The body was laid away here in a vault and in the spring will be taken to South Freeport, Maine for burial in the family plot and cemetery.

Mr. Waite died after a five-weeks' illness of pneumonia. He was born in 1862 at Portland, Me., the son of Joshua and Lucy (Fogg) Waite. He came to Northfield about twenty years ago and made his home with his brother here and about ten years ago was married to Cora Miner, of West Cornwall, Ct., who survives. Mrs. Waite has been ill and is remaining at their home in Southern Pines, where they have spent the past four winter seasons.

Besides his wife, surviving is a daughter, by his first marriage, in Freeport, Me., and two brothers, Arthur F. Waite of Portland, Me., and Walter H. Waite of Glenwood Ave., this town.

### Founder's Day At Morgan Memorial

One hundred and fourteen years ago Tuesday, March 7, marks the birthday of the Rev. Henry Morgan, whose name has been given to Boston's extensive social service organization, the Morgan Memorial. This year, for the convenience of its thousands of friends, open house will be kept from Tuesday through Saturday. An interesting program has been arranged and guides, will conduct visitors over the many interesting buildings at 85 Shawmut Ave., in Boston.

In attendance this week in Boston at Morgan Memorial will be the executives of the 106 different so-called "Goodwill Industries" throughout the United States. Northfield friends are invited to visit.

Northfield Chapter, O. E. S. will hold its next regular meeting in Masonic hall Wednesday evening, March 8.

### Hermon - Seminary Sunday Speakers

Dr. Patrick Murphy Malin of Swarthmore college, professor of Economics, will speak at Northfield Seminary next Sunday. Dr. Malin is one of the most popular speakers on the Seminary's visiting preachers' list. Services at Russell Sage chapel will be held at 11 a. m. and 5 p. m.

### Fortnightly To Have Afternoon Of Humor

The Fortnightly club will meet Friday at 3 p. m. in Alexander hall. The program, An afternoon of Humor, will be furnished by Hortense Howes who has appeared before other Woman's club in this vicinity. The tea hostesses include Mrs. Clarence Steadlar, Mrs. Robert McCalline and Mrs. J. V. McNeil.

### Credit Union Talk

Prof. Thomas McElroy, of the Latin department of the Lawrence High School gave a most interesting talk on Credit Union before a gathering of members of the Seminary and Mount Hermon faculties at the birthplace on Wednesday afternoon.

E. V. Fleckles of Mount Hermon presided and introduced the speaker who spoke of the organization and its work in the Lawrence schools, of its rapid extension throughout the state among many groups, under the incorporation of the state and supervision of the banking department. The work of the Credit Unions has been a pronounced success, said Mr. McElroy.

Tea was served and many members remained after the address to ask questions of the speaker.

### New York Meeting Scholastic Press

Again the Columbia Scholastic Press Association announces its sessions and exhibit for some 20,000 school publications in New York on March 9 and continuing through the 11th. Both the Northfield "Star" and the "Hermonite" have participated in the exhibits of previous years and were given awards. Thousands of young people in this country are involved in business of creating news sheets, folders, papers and magazines and it is quite a part of the development of personal interest.

The magazines submitted and exhibited will be examined by a board of judges and commended according to their classification. Thousands of young people will also attend the sessions at Columbia University and hear some very important speeches and discussions on school and college periodicals. Many of the school publications in this vicinity will again be entered in the exhibit.

### To Give "The Mikado"

The combined singing clubs of the Northfield schools will present Gilbert and Sullivan's delightful "The Mikado." Already work has been started on the production under the direction of the choral master, Melvin L. Gallagher. The operetta will be presented in the Auditorium on the evening of June 10 as part of the Commencement program.

### New P. O. Building Included In List For East Northfield

Information from Washington states that a project for a post office building in East Northfield, costing approximately \$75,000 is included in a list of approved federal building projects for consideration in any future building program authorized by Congress and is included with many others for selection. The treasury and post office departments have Okayed the list. A post office building at Shelburne Falls calls for \$80,000. When a list is submitted to the House Appropriations committee it is suggestive, and action depends on the urgent necessity of the construction.

East Northfield was on the list a year ago and it is evident that some day a post office building here will become a reality.

### The Sacred Concert Northfield Schools

The annual Sacred Concert of the Northfield schools will be given in the Auditorium on the Seminary campus on Sunday afternoon, May 14, it is tentatively announced, and the program will again be broadcast over the NBC network.

About 1100 students of both the Seminary and Mount Hermon school will participate in the combined choir. Many of the old hymns will be sung. Special renditions will be by the Seminary choir of 230 girls and by the Mount Hermon Glee club of 65 boys.

This annual concert brings many to our community who have enjoyed them in the past and it is expected that weather permitting, an unusually large audience will be noted this year.



M. L. Gallagher  
Who will direct the Sacred Concert of the Northfield Schools in the Auditorium in May.

### Mrs. Ellen Dale Wall

Death came to Mrs. Ellen Dale Wall, at her home on Main street, Tuesday. She was 80 years of age, a native of this town and widow of James Wall, a life-long resident. She was a member of St. Patrick's church and much interested in all of its activities.

Surviving are a son, John E. Wall of Nashua, N. H., and three grandchildren, Betty, Margaret, and James Wall. The funeral services were held in the church Thursday morning and burial was in St. Mary's cemetery.

### Mount Hermon Speakers

Two eminent New England educators addressed the chapel services of Mount Hermon school last Sunday. President Paul Dwight Moody of Middlebury college, Vt. son of Dwight L. Moody, founder of the Northfield schools, spoke at vespers; and President Everett C. Herrick of Andover-Newton Theological seminary, spoke at the morning service.

That the refusal to believe in the good in mankind was the cardinal sin today was the statement of Dr. Moody as he spoke on the text, "I said in my haste, all men are liars." The harm in thinking and saying that all men are liars is twofold: first, upon the people to whom it is directed, and, secondly, the harm upon the thinker of such an evil thought. The consequences upon all are harmful.

President Herrick's subject was "A house divided against itself cannot stand." He applied it to an individual life, pointing out that a life divided in motives, purposes, and methods will soon deteriorate.

### Injury Was Fatal In Train Collision At C. V. R. R. Crossing

As the result of a collision with the locomotive of a Central Vermont train, at Miller's crossing at Vernon, late Wednesday afternoon of last week, Julian Tvedt, aged 45, died of a skull fracture at the Brattleboro hospital during last Friday night.

Mr. Tvedt with his wife and son Carl had been to Brattleboro and were returning home in their auto, but for some reason did not see the approaching train from the south in time to prevent skidding into the side of the passing engine. It was about 5:45 p. m.; it was a cold day and traveling was difficult. Mrs. Tvedt said that the windows of the car were frost-covered except for the small strip kept clear by the defroster and that they didn't hear or see the approaching train. The train had made a flag stop at the Vernon station.

The locomotive struck the right front end of Tvedt's southbound Ford coach, whipping it completely around with such force that it turned over and came to a stop on its right side. The wrecked car was carried 83 feet northward from the point of the crash.

Mr. Tvedt was taken from the wreck to the home of Mr. Miller and given first aid treatment and then taken to Brattleboro in the ambulance. Mrs. Tvedt suffered no injuries and Carl had an injured nose and bruises.

The train crew told Inspector Robinson, who was called, that the usual whistle for the crossing was blown and that the headlight was on. They estimated the train was traveling between 10 to 15 miles an hour. The engine was damaged and delayed over an hour while repairs were made before proceeding to Brattleboro.

This was the first accident on the crossing in many years. Mr. Tvedt is a well known violinist and violin instructor. He also directed glee clubs in this vicinity. Mrs. Tvedt is the daughter of Mrs. Edith Chase Newton of Brookline who has had a summer residence at Vernon for many years and it was occupied by the Tvedt family.

The funeral of Mr. Tvedt was held Tuesday afternoon at the Vernon Union church with Rev. Ellis E. Jones officiating and burial was in the Tyler cemetery.

Mr. Tvedt was born at Kennebunk, Me., and was of Norwegian birth. He had unusual musical ability, as did his parents, his mother being a concert pianist. He was graduated from the Washington Missionary college and studied music with his grandfather. Besides his wife, surviving are one son, Carl, two uncles, Tersae By of Portland, Me., and Samuel Tvedt of Kennebunk, Me.

### Goes Abroad For Glee Club Contest

Robert M. Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. St. John Harvey, who have a home on the hill off Aushe lot road and are summer residents of Northfield, is a member of the glee club of the University of New York which has been chosen to participate in the International Glee club contest to be held in the Scandinavian countries during this coming September, beginning on the 8th. Mr. Harvey's friends here among the young people are happy to hear of the announcement.

### Dole Is Re-elected President of County Agricultural Assoc.

At the annual meeting of the Franklin County Agricultural Society held last Saturday at the Mansion House in Greenfield, Representative Fred B. Dole of Shelburne was re-elected as president and Arthur H. Bolton of Northfield was chosen as one of the trustees.

Other officers renamed were: Vice-presidents, George Fuller of Deerfield and J. B. Kennedy of Greenfield; secretary, Whitman B. Wells of Greenfield; and treasurer, William C. Conant of Greenfield.



Fred B. Dole  
Re-elected President of the Franklin County Agricultural Society.

Trustees renamed were Charles R. Hill of Barnardston, Robert E. Coombs of Colrain, Raymond Carpenter of Shelburne, William Koch, Joseph Putnam, Maurice Demond, A. D. Potter, Jr., W. A. Barber, Roger Rourke, all of Greenfield; Philip Whitmore of Sunderland, Raymond Totman of Conway, Samuel U. Streeter of Greenfield, Herbert Newcomb of West Deerfield, Stevens Dole of Shelburne, Richard Bartlett of Montague, Arthur Bolton of Northfield, Edward E. Rankin of Deerfield, Herman Severance of Leyden, Frances E. Barnard of Shelburne, Chester Kozikowski of South Deerfield, F. W. Wells of Shelburne, W. H. Croft of Turners Falls, C. W. Trow of Buckland and T. J. Kelleher of South Deerfield.

The reports of officers indicated the association is in excellent condition. During the business meeting tribute was paid to Robert Demond, trustee, who died last year. The meeting ended with a dinner and speaking program.

### Northfield Grange

The Connecticut Valley Pomona Grange will meet in Northfield next Wednesday evening. Supper will be served at 7 p. m. by the local Grange with Mrs. Minnie Skinner, Mrs. Lewis Shine and Mrs. Dorothy Ferris as committee in charge. Representative Fred B. Dole will be the speaker.

Members of the local Grange on Tuesday evening enjoyed a program arranged by married men. Ernest Durant, Clayton Miller, Edward Morse, Carroll Miller and Arthur H. Farnum. Pond packages brought by members were auctioned off by Ernest Dunklee of Vernon, Vt.

Next Tuesday evening the local Grange will neighbor with Guiding Star Grange at Greenfield and assist in the program.



Dr. John Finlay Williamson  
Who will direct the annual Music Festival in the Auditorium in August.

### The Date Is Fixed For Music Festival

The fifth annual music festival to be held in the Auditorium at Northfield, under the auspices of the conferences will be given on Sunday, August 13, under the direction of Dr. John Finlay Williamson with a large choir from the many communities of the Connecticut valley. Last year over 500 singers participated. Again this year the concert will be broadcast.

Marvin Reeher, director of music of the First Methodist church of Saratoga Springs, N. Y., will again train the singers and conduct the classes in Greenfield, Northampton, Springfield, Keene and Athol. It is expected that groups from Pittsfield, Worcester, Quincy and New Haven will join in the concert this year.

### Doings At Hermon

The Hermon junior varsity swimming team defeated the Amherst high school team in a meet Wednesday afternoon by a score of 32-19.

Prof. Patrick M. Malin of the Economics department of Swarthmore college addressed the Drummond Circle Thursday evening. Prof. Malin is a member of the Friends' Service commission, having spent a part of last year in Spain.

The noon assembly on Friday will be devoted to practice of the class songs to be ready for the song contest in the near future.

Athletic events for Saturday will consist of the following: swimming meets with the Deerfield first and second teams in the Hermon pool. The Williston third and fourth teams in basketball will play here against the Hermon third and fourth teams. The junior league basketball team plays at Wilbraham. The varsity fencing team goes away to Wilbraham.

The annual Find Yourself Week-end will take place from Friday, March 10 to Sunday the 12th, inclusive.

Eugene O'Neill's "In the Zone" was produced last Wednesday at assembly by the junior class under the direction of Mr. Ledyard. The cast included Colin Gunn, Thomas Burke, Stuart Littwin, Norman Duggan, Joseph Garrison, Vincent Graham, Joseph Schwanda and Robert Williamson.

Mrs. Leon Starkey of Northfield Farms has gone to Springfield for a visit with relatives.

### Crossing Overpass To Be Built Soon At Hale's On B. & M.

Bids for the construction of an overpass at Hale's crossing on the B. & M. have been asked in an advertisement and will be opened at noon on March 21. This means that the work of construction will probably begin in the early spring and be rushed to completion. During the last of 1937 plans were definitely announced for the elimination of the dangerous grade crossing and the cost included in the appropriations of both the state and federal authorities.

About 3000 feet of new highway will be constructed to eliminate several of the curves as well as the crossing. The new crossing will be northeast of the present location. The new road also will be considerably wider than the present. Most of it will be 46 feet.

The crossing has had several fatal and other serious accidents. Although an electric signal was installed several years ago, it still is considered dangerous. The B. & M. railroad crosses the highway at a perpendicular angle and the road at this point is U. S. highway route 5 and state highway route 10. Considerable traffic passes winter and summer.

### Hi-Boys Delighted A Large Audience

Northfield turned out one of the largest and most enthusiastic crowds of the winter to greet the Hi-Boys at the town hall Thursday night of last week. This group of radio entertainers brought here by the local Legion post put on a performance that delighted the audience and the dancing which followed was equally well received. According to members of the committee several requests for more affairs of this kind have been received.

### Hermon Personalities

That most interesting school periodical, "The Hermonite" of Mt. Hermon school has been running a series of Campus and Hermon Personalities in its editions recently, illustrated with the picture of the individual and followed by a tribute. The subjects are all persons with whom most of us are familiar and include recently, President McConaughy of Wesleyan University and now Lieut.-Governor of Connecticut, President Paul D. Moody of Middlebury College, Postmaster Streeter of Mount Hermon, Frank Britton of Carman's store and in its last issue Roy R. Hatch of the science staff of the school.

### The Local Hostel

The local Youth Hostel of which Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wahl are the house parents, has received its charter from the National headquarters to operate during the current year and its sponsoring committee consists of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Pitt, Dr. and Mrs. Allen H. Wright, Mrs. Ethel G. Hopkins, William F. Hohen, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wahl, Dr. and Mrs. F. Wilton Dean and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cobb. Last year the hostel had 2802 overnight stays with the hostellers coming from 33 states and three foreign countries. It is expected that many more hostellers will be welcomed this year.

### Played Deerfield

Twelve Deerfield Academy girls met the Seminary basketball team at the Skinner gymnasium last Saturday afternoon. The Northfield girls were victorious with a score of 37-19. After the game, the visitors were entertained with a tea at Home Science Hall.

A return game will be played at Deerfield on Saturday afternoon, March 11.

### They Will Attend

The International conference of the Youth Hostel movement will meet this fall in Edinburgh, Scotland and it is expected that the American organization will be represented by the national directors, Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Smith from Northfield. Many new additions have been made to membership in the International council as more countries have been organized. It is estimated that there are over 4000 hostels in the world today affording facilities for young people to travel economically and see the world and its attractions.

Miss Mary C. Field who has been in charge of the Faculty House, the birthplace, has resigned and accepted a position in New York City.

### Florida Liquid Sunshine — Tree-Ripened Fruit

You have used more than 12 tons thus far this season—450 bushels in 23 States and Canada. Now we are shipping during March and April the juicy Valencia practically seedless oranges. The grapefruit are also excellent. Alkalize and keep well with plenty of citrus fruit.

1 Bushel Grapefruit and Oranges mixed .... \$1.00  
1 Bushel Grapefruit ..... \$1.00  
1 Bushel Oranges ..... \$1.10

Pay express charges on arrival of fruit. (\$1.25 per bushel to New England—\$1.10 per bushel to New York City and Long Island.)

SPURGEON GAGE, Holden Ave., R. D. 3, Orlando, Florida

## FELLOW SOLDIERS



President Roosevelt, who won his battle with polio, is shown with small victims at Warm Springs who are fighting their way back to health.

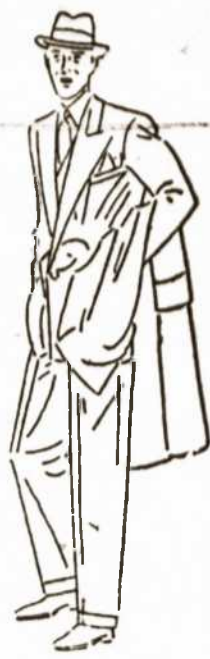


## MEN

GET IN

THE SPIRIT

OF SPRING



Just arrived  
and ready for your in-  
spection are the new

SUITS  
TOPCOATS  
SHIRTS  
NECKWEAR  
HATS

May we show them to you?

**GOODNOW PEARSON & HUNT**  
BRATTLEBORO

## Heads Museum

An explorer whose mountain climbing feats, daring airplane flights and repeated penetration of remote wildernesses by dog sledge have added much to geo-



Bradford Washburn

graphical and geological knowledge, this week became executive director of the N. E. Museum of Natural History. He is Mr. Bradford Washburn of Cambridge. His appointment was announced early this week by John K. Howard, president of the Museum's board of trustees. Mr. Washburn assumed his new duties immediately, Dr. Edward Wigglesworth continues on the museum staff as scientific director.

## The Difference

Math. Teacher: Take 13 from 29 and what's the difference?  
Class Duncie: Yeah, that's what I say, who cares anyhow.

## Watch The Birdie

She was only a photographer's daughter.  
"Yes, she sits in a dark room and awaits developments."

## Swat 'Em Again!

Son: Daddy, I just killed five flies, two male and three female.  
Father: How do you that's what they were?  
Son: Two were on the dining table and the other three on the mirror.

## CHURCH SERVICES

## TRINITARIAN CHURCH

Sunday school will meet at 10 o'clock for the study of the scriptures; at 11, preaching service, when the choir will sing special anthems; the sermon topic will be "Religious Fickleness"; the Communion service will follow.

Sunday school at the Farms at 2:30, followed by a worship service. Also at 2:30, service in the Barber district with Mrs. Allen Field. At 7, the meeting of the Senior Endeavor. At 8, preaching service at the vestry.

Tuesday at 8, the Mrs. L. R. Smith Bible class meets with Mrs. Colton; leader, Mrs. Giebel. At 7:30 the C. E. Cottage prayer service.

Thursday the Women's Missionary society all-day sewing meeting with basket lunch. At 7:30, weekly prayer service followed by the choir rehearsal.

## SOUTH CHURCH

Sunday, 9:45, church school. All January and February birth-days are to be remembered.

10:45, church worship. The second step in the epic of the "Emergence of the Spiritual from the Natural." God! now Man.

Thursday, March 9, 2:30, the Alliance will meet with Mrs. E. M. Morgan. The subject, "Crime and Penology of Russia, Germany, Italy and the United States will be presented by Mrs. Thomas Parker and her group.

## SOUTH VERNON

(West Northfield)

Mrs. Edith Chase Newton is staying at the Hotel Billings in Brattleboro to be near her daughter, Mrs. Julian Tvedt, while she is in the hospital.

Ernest Johnson, negro tenor, of Boston, was well received Sunday morning and evening at the South Vernon church. In the evening he sang several numbers at the Vernon Home.

Students attending Brattleboro High School are home for a week's vacation.

A. A. Dunklee attended the meeting of the Eastern States Farmers Exchange at Springfield Tuesday.

Mrs. Marion E. (Hutchinson) Phetteplace, formerly of South Vernon and wife of Emory Phetteplace of Guilford, died at the Brattleboro hospital, Feb. 22.

Miss Irene Langua is spending a few days with her parents here from her work at the Children's hospital in Boston.

South Vernon church, Rev. G. A. Gray, pastor. Services Sunday: 10:45, morning worship; 12:15, Sunday school; 6:00, young people's meeting at the parsonage; 7:00, evening service following by choir rehearsal. Thursday evening at 7:00, mid-week prayer meeting at Vernon Home.

Mrs. William H. Dalton has the sympathy of her friends in the death of her father, Fay Hill of East Westmoreland, N. H., who died Monday night at the Keene Memorial hospital following an operation for appendicitis. He had been in poor health and was at the hospital for eleven days. He was born in Winchester 87 years ago on Dec. 16. Surviving are his wife, four daughters, including Mrs. Dalton, five grandchildren and one great grandchild, Patricia Edson. Also several brothers and sisters. The funeral will be held in Keene this Friday afternoon with burial in Winchester.

The South school P. T. A. will meet Thursday evening, March 9, at 7:30 with Glenn Johnson in charge of the program.

Mrs. Ada Bralley, 70, wife of Edwin S. Bralley, died at the Vernon Home, where she had lived for many years, on Tuesday after suffering a stroke. She had been the widow of Robert Norton a former Vernon resident and was married to Mr. Bralley in July of 1937. Mrs. Bralley was much interested in the work of the church and its missionary efforts. Surviving are two sisters besides her husband. While at the home she was cared for by Mrs. Clara Pratt. The funeral will be held at the South Vernon church this Friday afternoon and burial will be in the Tyler cemetery.

Stanley Wilson, son of Cecil Wilson, underwent an operation for appendicitis at Hallowell, Me. where he resides, last Sunday.

Marvin Johnson, who sometime ago injured his arm with a pitchfork and suffered an infection has so far recovered as to be about but will not return to his studies at Brattleboro High School this year.

Mrs. Owen Stacey has been visiting her mother in Greenfield.

William Hilliard has been confined to his home with the grippe. Ernest W. Dunklee attended a meeting of the Jersey Breeders' association in Greenfield last week Wednesday.

Misses Marjorie Tyler, Helen Scherlin and Elva Martineau were at their homes over the week-end from Castleton Normal school.

Warrants are posted for the annual Vernon town meeting for next Tuesday. Besides the usual officers to be selected the town will vote on the sale of spirituous liquors, the transportation of students to the high school and the playing of baseball on Sunday.

## GOD'S SMILES

I stroll alone in the woodland  
Yet not alone am I  
For everywhere in this good land  
I feel His Presence nigh.

Pine needles are strewn all around  
To still my heavy tread  
That I may hear the welcome  
Of birds, as God smiles over-  
head.

The golden thrush calls to its mate  
In notes almost divine;  
'Tis God speaking to my soul:  
I worship at His shrine.

The wind is sighing through the pines,  
Their needed arms are glistening;  
'Tis music to the waiting ear;  
A sound well worth the listen-  
ing.

I kick away a lump of snow  
And there, to my surprise,  
The smile of God I truly know,  
Arbutus greets my eyes.

Tiger lilies nod and smile at me,  
As like sentinels they stand;  
God smiles again and I am cheered  
Again I see His hand.

I pass a green-scummed, miasmic pond  
Repulsive to my soul so dense;  
God, through pure lilies, smiles at me,  
Rebuking my dull, unseeing sense.

Near by I hear a trilling laugh  
And turn aside to look,  
There, tumbling o'er the mossy stones,  
God laughs through the living brook.

Thousands of eyes are turned on me,  
The bug, the bee, the cricket,  
Each has a cheery note for me  
As I pass through the thicket.

I walk through fields of grass and flowers—  
Of buttercups and daisies;  
A riot of laughter greets my sense  
A sight that truly amazes.

I look upon the sunclad hills  
From whence my strength doth come;  
Monuments to the power of God  
Beneath the vaulted dome.

In every place where'er I tread,  
His footprints everywhere I find  
Evidences of the power of God;  
Was privileged to walk on holy ground.

—Harry W. Doremus

Debt of Gratitude  
Dumb: I shall be everlastingly indebted to you if you'll lend me five dollars.

Bell: Yes, I know. That's the trouble.

Passing the Buck  
Voyager: Doesn't this ship tip a great deal?

Steward: No, sir, not that I've noticed. She leans that to the passengers, sir.

A Million Dollars  
For Research Fund  
Willard Centenary

Members of the Northfield Women's Christian Temperance Union will co-operate in marking the centenary of Frances E. Willard in the raising of a fund to carry on research work regarding narcotics.

Throughout the country every local organization will arrange memorial meetings to honor Miss Willard and to call public attention to her life and work.

Miss Willard, who came of a long line of distinguished ancestry, was born in Churchville, N. Y., Sept. 28, 1839. The family journeyed West in a prairie schooner a few years after her birth and settled in Janesville, Wis. Miss Willard was educated at Northwestern University, graduating in 1859, and then studied abroad at the Sorbonne and the University of Paris. Upon her return to this country after two years of foreign study and travel, she took a master's degree at the University of Syracuse.

Her first teaching position was in a small red schoolhouse in Harlem, a bleak prairie town. Other teaching positions of greater responsibility followed at Kankakee Academy and Pittsburgh until she was chosen the first dean of women at Northwestern University.

She was a brilliant educator and in 1872 was chosen president of Evanston College for Women. She was the first woman college president in the country to confer degrees upon women. Through her educational work, Miss Willard became deeply stirred by the women's temperance crusade which was sweeping the country and when a difference of opinion regarding college government led her to resign her educational post, she accepted the position of president of the struggling Chicago W. C. T. U.

"No words can adequately characterize the change wrought in my life by this decision," Miss Willard wrote in later years. "Instead of peace, I was to participate in war; instead of the sweetness of home, never more dearly loved than I had loved it, I was to become a wanderer on the face of the earth; instead of libraries, I was to frequent public halls and railway cars; instead of scholarly and cultured men, I was to see the dregs of saloon and gambling house and haunt of shame. But women who were among the fittest Gospel survivals were to be my comrades; little children were to be gathered from far and near in the Loyal Temperance Legion, and whoever keeps such company should sing a psalm of joy, solemn as it is sweet."

In 1883 Miss Willard and her devoted secretary, Miss Anna A. Gordon, made a temperance organization trip, visiting each of the states and territories in the United States. Scores of local unions were organized and Miss Willard became known as an exceptionally eloquent speaker, hundreds crowding halls to hear her message.

In 1892, Miss Willard, and Miss Gordon went to England by invitation of Lady Henry Somerset, leader of the W. C. T. U. movement in Great Britain at that time. There Miss Willard was received with enthusiasm. She was then president of the World's W. C. T. U.

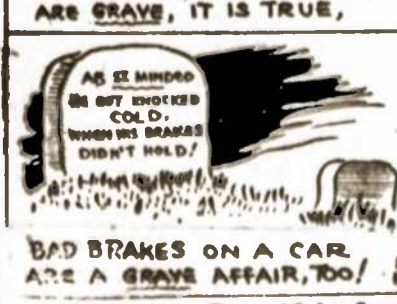
They returned to this country in 1894, Lady Somerset coming with them and spent the next winter in Boston. In March, 1895, Miss Willard made another trip to England, returning to this country to reside at the National W. C. T. U. which was held in Baltimore in 1896. In 1898 while in New York, Miss Willard was stricken in death, largely the result of overwork.

Miss Willard was honored after death by election to America's Hall of Fame in the United States Capitol in Washington. She is the only woman who has ever been so honored.

## Power

"It's wonderful what some insects can do. A grasshopper can jump 200 times its own length."  
"That's nothing. I once saw a wasp raise a 200-pound man three feet off the ground."

## A REAL PAPER — THE PRESS

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## This Week's Attractive Specials

Glacier Norwegian SARDINES .... 4 cans 25c

Sealect EVAPORATED MILK ..... can 6c

Friend's Assorted

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## TOWN TOPICS

The Northfield Farms Ladies Benevolent society met at the Sunset Farm Wednesday of this week with Mrs. Charles E. Leach as hostess.

The local chapter of the Eastern Star will hold a public card party in Masonic Hall on Wednesday evening, March 15. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend. Bridge and other games will be played.

A daughter, Ann Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Parker of Northfield Farms road, at the Elliot Memorial hospital in Keene, N. H., on Tuesday, Feb. 28.

Coached by Miss Beatrice Freeman, the freshman dramatic society, "Sock and Rusk" of the Seminary will present Aucassin and Nicolette this Saturday evening at 7:45 o'clock in Silverthorne Hall.

The Middle Certificate group at the Seminary will be entertained at a tea dance at Mount Hermon on Saturday afternoon. They will attend the basketball games between Williston and Hermon teams.

Work has been completed on the exterior of the Unitarian church which was so badly damaged at the time of the hurricane and now work on the interior is being rushed in the hope it will be completed in time for the Easter services.

The death is announced of Mrs. Luella (Montgomery) Stevens, 58, at her home in Brattleboro, last Sunday. She is the wife of Arthur W. Stevens and both were well known to many here, as the former owners of "The Homestead Inn" on the Hinsdale road to Brattleboro. Mrs. Stevens had been ill for several months. The funeral and burial was at Hackensack, N. J. Besides her husband, her mother and two brothers survive.

Mrs. Charles R. Mayberry gave a shower last week at her home at Mount Hermon, in honor of Miss Elizabeth Eastman, whose engagement to her son was recently announced. About thirty guests were present including Miss Julia Mary Stark of Boston, and Miss Elizabeth Hosmer of Stoneham. A pleasant evening was spent and refreshments served.

Miss Marian Keller will give an hour of organ music in the Russell Sage chapel at the Seminary on Sunday, March 12.

A recital of Seminary music pupils, called the "Studio Hour," will be held at the Principal's home on the campus on April 12 and May 3. The first of the series was held this week Wednesday afternoon.

At a meeting of the Chicago Rotary club held last week a contribution of \$500 was made to the American Youth Hostel for the purpose of furthering and developing the movement in the Great Lakes region of which Justin J. Cline is the field director.

The rain and sleet of the past week-end caused icy walks and roads and traveling was difficult. The high wind of Wednesday really ushered in March as a roaring lion. The breaking of a large tree limb and its fall upon the electric wires on Main street caused trouble with the lights but not much inconvenience as the repairs were hastily made by a summoned crew from Greenfield.

Under the direction of Prof. M. I. Gallagher, the Seminary and Mount Hermon are preparing for special music for Palm Sunday and Easter. However, there will be no combined concert of both schools at Easter time.

Mrs. Warren Whitman was called to Hartford last week to attend the funeral of her aunt, Mrs. Arthur L. Ulrich. Mrs. Whitman had made her home with her aunt for many years before coming to Northfield. Mr. and Mrs. Ulrich spent several vacations here and enjoyed meeting the people of Northfield and had many friends here.

A home-and-home debate series was held Monday night between Mount Hermon school and Cushing academy on the topic, "Resolved, that the United States should establish an alliance with Great Britain." The Mount Hermon speakers, representing the negative here were William Robertson and Charles Terry. The Hermon speakers for the affirmative at Cushing were William Hamilton and Colin Gunn.

Mrs. John T. Holden entertained the Franklin County Mount Holyoke club at her home on Main street last Saturday afternoon.

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The Mothers' society of the Congregational church will meet at the home of Mrs. William Marshall on Wednesday, March 8, at 3 o'clock. The topic will be "Abuse of Health," presented by Mrs. Leonard Stebbins.

It is said that some applicants for insurance on their cars have had difficulty in obtaining the same as their records in the past have been scrutinized by the insurance companies, who don't want the risks. It is necessary to have one's car insured first before it can be registered.

Miss Marilyn Doolittle has returned to her work in Newton Center after spending a week's vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oler Doolittle.

A group of the Girl Scouts under Capt. Thompson, including Arlene Finch, Helen Howard, Marion Allen, Eleanor Barnes, Mary Bolton, Ruth Dawe and Lucetta Marshall recently visited the radio station WHAI at Greenfield and report a most interesting experience.

Miss Jeanette G. Daboll, Miss Euphrasia Purrington, Miss Priscilla Colton and Miss Gladys Eliothorpe, attended last week's meeting of the County Business and Professional Women's club in Greenfield to hear Mr. and Mrs. Edward Toomy of Amherst recount their experiences living in Guatemala, where Mr. Toomy was with the United Fruit Co.

A card from Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence H. Lazelle from Orlando, Fla., states that they are enjoying their motor trips about the state and have met many of the Northfield friends who are all well and happy.

A group of young people from the headquarters of the Youth Hostel here went to Brattleboro last Friday evening to speak and show pictures of youth hosting before a meeting of the nurses of the Memorial hospital.

Rev. James Glover Johnson of Mt. Hermon was the preacher at the morning service last Sunday of the First Baptist church at Greenfield.

According to a deed filed in the Registry, Miss Gertrude C. Mattoon, has sold to George O. Dunnell, a small section of land on the north side of Parker street just east of the property of the C. V. railroad where Mr. Dunnell's weighing scales are located.

Many of our citizens were interested in the radio announcement that George O. Stebbins, author of many hymns and a worker associated with Dwight L. Moody observed his 93rd birthday last Sunday at his home in Catskill, N. Y. He has been a frequent visitor here.

Harmony Lodge of Masons held a regular meeting Wednesday evening at Masonic hall on Parker street for the transaction of regular business. Charles L. Johnson is master of the lodge.

On Tuesday, March 28, a lodge of instruction for Masons will be held with Mountain Lodge at Shelburne Falls. Several of the brethren from Harmony Lodge will attend.

A wonderful display of the "northern lights" was seen by many in this town in the northern sky last Friday evening. Its brilliance was unusual and several colors predominated.

Teachers of the Sunday school of the Congregational church held their regular monthly meeting Monday evening with Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt at their home. The studies for the Sunday school were considered.

It is said that the Wheaton college quartet and glee club will visit Northfield some time in July to give a concert here.

The young son of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Truesdell of Parker street, who was recently badly scalded when he pulled a pan of hot water from the stove, is making a fine and rapid recovery.

Dr. H. F. Randolph is taking charge of the Men's class at the Sunday school of the Congregational church during the absence of Prof. H. H. Morse, its teacher.

Cards from Prof. and Mrs. H. H. Morse, which were mailed at Gibraltar and received by friends here, report that they had a rather rough crossing but enjoyed the trip.

The Girl Scouts senior patrol of Troop 1, announce a public card party at Alexander hall on Friday, March 31 at 7:45 o'clock to which all are invited.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Dickerson arrived in New York from Stockholm, Sweden last Saturday and were met by Mrs. William R. Moody and Mrs. Arthur W. Packard. Mrs. Packard returned to Northfield with Mrs. Moody for a short stay.

Dr. Paul D. Moody, president of Middlebury college, who spoke at the services at the Seminary and at Mount Hermon last Sunday was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Fitt at their home over the week-end.

Miss Jean Ely Hopkins, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Lewis A. Hopkins of Tacoma, Wash., and a niece of Harry L. Hopkins, secretary of commerce, is remaining as a guest of Mrs. Ethel G. Hopkins during the week.

Miss Dorothy Doremus, who graduated from the Seminary 25 years ago, has succeeded Miss Field as secretary of the Faculty club at the "Birthplace." Miss Doremus is the second daughter of H. W. Doremus, a summer resident of Rustic Ridge.

Spurgeon Gage writes from his farm at Orlando, Fla., that they have had a fine fruit season in Florida and he has had a very good harvest. Just now he is gathering a quantity of luscious ripe tomatoes from his garden.

The Southern Vermont Northfield club will meet this week Saturday at 2:30 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Julia L. Stockwell on Western avenue in Brattleboro.

Sheldon Bros., have recently acquired a new route out of Bellows Falls, Vt., for the collection of milk to be taken by them to Boston on their daily trips.

Mrs. Nellie Haley of Warwick avenue is improved from her recent long illness and her daughter, Mrs. Carpenter, has returned to Springfield.

Mrs. E. M. Morgan, president of the County WCTU was a speaker at a meeting of the Greenfield organization Tuesday evening.

Miss Verna Mayberry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Mayberry of Mount Hermon, has received a senior Red Cross life saving emblem. She is a sophomore at Barnard college. Miss Mayberry is secretary of her class, a member of the glee club and of the Greek Games Entrance committee.

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## Second Choice

A friend once asked Joseph H. Choate the following question: If you couldn't be yourself, who would you rather be?  
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## Ho Hum!

He: I thought one-piece bathing suits were barred.  
She: Not necessarily—some are barred, some are striped and some are plain like mine.

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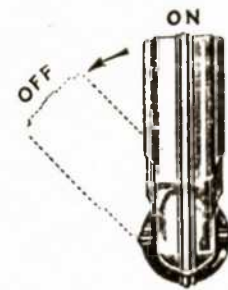


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### EDITORIAL

With spring and summer approaching, we shall soon see the bare-kneed boy and the short kilted young girl, with knapsacks on their back trudging along the highways in groups as part of that new generation of travelers who are out to see and get to places. They belong perhaps largely to that vast army of youth hostellers, or they may be boy scouts or Hi-Y enthusiasts.

It's a good sign that youth means to make the most of its opportunity, despite the limitations which have been placed upon them in the past, but it might also be said that these youth must deliver a good account of themselves as they journey along the highways and visit at places enroute. Impressions in the making reflect.

Capital markets remain stagnant and little money is available for the development of new enterprises because the majority of American investors are uncertain and fearful of the future. This is the net result of a recent poll in which three thousand investors from all sections of the country were questioned. Excessive taxation and ill-advised legislation of a punitive nature are largely responsible for the existing fear and uncertainty, according to the poll.

All of which serves to confirm two significant facts: Economy in government, not more taxes, is the only sound solution to the deficit problem; second, experimental or radical legislation intended to benefit the "little fellow" but which in reality cripples the profitable operation of those industries which provide his job and his livelihood, is of no benefit to anyone.

Periodically, legislative attacks on the banking structure of the country are started with a view to further extending the control of government over the banks. And these attacks often gain for themselves a measure of public support.

This support, as a rule, is the result of a lack of understanding of the real issue. That issue is: Do we want the financial resources of this country, which are owned by all the people, to be managed by paid private business men—or managed by the politicians?

It's easy enough to denounce banking and bankers. But a banker is subjected to the most stringent regulation. The law prescribes with great definiteness how he can and cannot invest the money entrusted to his care. Every safeguard has been created to protect the depositor. And a fall from grace brings swift and severe punishment to the banker.

The politicians are not financially responsible for mistakes. They make their own laws. They almost invariably thirst for more power. Give them control of the nation's purse-strings and no man can imagine the possible results.

### The Back Yard Gardener

"Cousin Mary" of the Brockton Enterprise wrote the other day and asked me what I knew about gourds. Well, what I know about gourds you could put into a gourd but I made an attempt to find out something and here it is.

In studying up on this member of the cucurbitaceae family I'm reminded of the story of the little boy who declared that a chicken was the most useful of farm creatures, his reason being that you could eat it both before it was born and after it was dead.

Well, it's much like that with gourds. They are mighty fine decorative vines, especially useful for covering up walls or sides of old buildings. And their fruits, while not edible, at least in most cases, make good decorations both on the vine and in the house.

Gourds will grow 30 to 40 in a season if they have proper encouragement and incidentally that's one very important point in growing gourds. In other words, they like rich soil that has plenty of depth so that the roots can go down after water. They also like a warm location, so that means plenty of sunshine.

The seeds are what we think of as hard and therefore should be soaked a day or so in lukewarm water. However, you must take care not to let the seeds sprout before you plant them. It's also

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a good idea to start gourd seeds inside. You can start them in two-inch squares of inverted sod, or in paper cups or eggshells which have been filled with soil.

Since they grow so rapidly, this plantin indoors should be done about three weeks before the time to set them outdoors. They are rather tender so be sure you don't get them out when there is still danger of frost.

There are, I believe, more than 700 species, but the most familiar ones which are used for decorative purposes are the Lagenaria vulgaris and Cucurbita Pepo variety ovifera. And of course it is the crosses between the various members of these two groups that give you the enormous range of shapes and colors, etc.

The word Lagenaria comes from the Latin word "lagen" meaning a bottle. This group is a little faster, more prolific grower than the other. It has musk-scented white flowers. The gourds range in color from dark green to white, although there are numerous shapes. The bright colored and many colored combinations come in the Cucurbita Pepo group. These have yellow flowers which bloom in the daytime. The others are night bloomers.

It's impossible to describe for you the color combinations that you can get in these gay ornamental gourds. You will find them in your catalogs under climbing annuals. As I said, they grow in all sorts of shapes but I find that you can make them take different shapes by working on the young gourd. In other words, of you tie them with a string, or box them, or work them with your fingers, they will take new shapes.

Another rather interesting thing is that a mark or blemish will produce a brown scar on the developing gourd and it will never disappear, so a neat trick would be to trace messages or designs on the gourd and then present it to a friend.

When it comes to harvesting, the thing to do is to test the gourds with the thumb nail. In other words, leave them on the vine if there is no danger of frost until the shell becomes so hard that it is not possible to puncture it with the thumb nail. Then the gourd is ready to pick. If possible, allow the stem to remain on the fruit.

Wash them with a weak solution of some kitchen disinfectant. This destroys the fungus spores which may be present. Then hang them up in a fairly cool, dry place that has plenty of circulation. When the surface is thoroughly dry, you can shellac or wax them. The shellac or varnish gives a bright glossy finish while the ordinary floor wax gives a soft finish. Then you can color them by painting, using the ordinary quick drying lacquer paints for best results.

As I said, gourds are beautiful decorations. Use old pewter plates, copper trays, wooden bowls, or anything of that sort and you certainly can make a beautiful tray which will serve as a mantel decoration or a table decoration, or any thing else of similar nature.

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### What's Ahead For Massachusetts?

by REGINALD W. BIRD  
President, Mass. Federation of  
Taxpayers Associations, Inc.

Massachusetts this year faces a serious situation from the standpoint of taxes.

It is vitally serious to the small homeowner who may be forced into the growing ranks of the thousands who have lost their property because they were unable to pay steadily increasing tax bills.

It is equally serious to rent-payers who ultimately must dig down for their share of taxes, disguised as rent.

It is serious to merchants and manufacturers who provide employment for labor. And it is increasingly serious to towns and cities which find more and more citizens abandoning property or tearing down old buildings rather than continuing to pay confiscatory taxes. Why has so critical a situation arisen?

In the early days of the country, government was simple. Folks were close to it and understood it. Today it has developed into a great complex piece of machinery so far beyond the understanding of the average person that he

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does not know what to do to help himself. With loss of understanding of government has gone loss of control.

Our democratic government today is made up of three elements: 1. Self-seeking minority elements asking special advantage at the expense of other persons. 2. The political element, whose chief desire seems to be to perpetuate itself and its party in office regardless of the expense to the taxpayers.

3. The great inarticulate majority, sitting back helplessly, neither trying to understand government nor to protect themselves. In this group individuals alone can do nothing but when organized they can have any kind of government they want.

This year Massachusetts citizens are facing some of the most difficult problems of generations. In the last decade, the cost of government in Massachusetts—state, county, city and town—has risen from \$325,000,000 to over \$415,000,000 a year. That means that it is costing us more than \$1,000,000 a day to be governed (not even counting Federal costs). And that is where we begin to see the proportion of our problem. Why are costs increasing? There are a number of reasons:

1. Government is performing more and more services: A new board is set up to control this or that. A health department takes in more work, perhaps essential, or perhaps not. A school department gives more evening vocational courses. The state considers creation of a new hospital. A town for the first time undertakes to collect rubbish. A city buys a private water system or establishes a hospital.

2. Government is doing more of what it has done: A city doubles its engineering staff; the state extends welfare to include old-age assistance, later drops the age limit and increases the amounts paid out. A town borrows heavily to extend its water mains farther into the country. 3. Government often has tolerated more and more inefficiency, more and more patronage, more and more antiquated equipment, and even more costly corruption.

4. Salaries have been going up over a period of years. 5. Hours of work of public employees have been coming down. Usually that requires hiring additional help, and in a decade that means millions of dollars in new taxes.

Some of these new costs are necessary. Some are desirable if they can be afforded. Some are extravagant, and some must not be tolerated. But all contribute to the rising cost of government and of our taxes.

In the last 20 years, no real effort has been made by public officials to reduce the cost of government by eliminating unnecessary and wasteful expense that has crept in through acts of political expediency and under pressure from minority groups.

Today the taxpayer—and everybody pays taxes—must start not by screaming about the cost of government but by intelligently diagnosing the situation and then making the necessary reductions without destroying the functions of a department whose services have become vital to the people.

That is why the third element in the community—the vast, unorganized majority which pays the bills—must organize to protect itself and to hold its government on an even keel.

That is the purpose of the Taxpayers Associations in the towns and cities of Massachusetts—to provide a common meeting point where side by side the citizens of this state can grapple with their common problems, not as rabble-rousers but as intelligent human beings who first obtain the facts and then act on those facts logically and sanely.

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